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Connecticut State Police Annual Food Drive a Success

The 9th Annual Connecticut State Police Food Drive held over the weekend of August 20, 21 and 22, proved very successful. Collectively, over 20,000 pounds of food and over \$2,300 in monetary donations were collected at the four participating Shaw's Supermarket locations.

The outpouring of support for this drive was incredible. The citizens in these areas and patrons of the Shaw's stores showed extreme generosity throughout the weekend-long food drive. Volunteers at these sites were overwhelmed when on several occasions; a person would approach with a full shopping cart of food items and state that the entire cart was to be donated! Many people donating goods reported that they had fallen on hard times in the past themselves, and now wished to give back to the food banks.

The donations this year were slightly lower than the previous year, which may be attributed to the inclement weather, which took place on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. The heavy rainfall, and at times fierce thunderstorms, only suspended traffic flow and food drive activities momentarily before picking back up in full-force. Although this drive was held during a time of the year when supplies at the food banks are historically low, everyone is reminded that donations can be made to your local Connecticut food bank or Food Share of Hartford, CT at any time throughout the year.

The Connecticut State Police wish to thank everyone that responded to our food drive and helped to make this important event a success.

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